

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

With conventional techniques, if a common identification number is set where there are two or more pieces of IEEE1394 equipment which can independently execute processing in one product, it is difficult to maintain the consistency of EUI-64 as product.

An identification number managing apparatus has EUI-64 memory means 100 of saving an identification number which is processed as a common identifier in a plurality pieces of IEEE1394 equipment A101-C103 which can operate independently of each other; and

communications means 201-203 of forwarding the identification number to the plurality pieces of IEEE equipment,

characterized in that the IEEE1394 equipment A101-C103, upon acquisition of the identification number forwarded from the communications means, generates the identifier from the identification number and establishes a configuration ROM which contains the identifier.